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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEISUKE YAMAMOTO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/513,129

Filed: February 25, 2000

For: ELECTRON-EMITTING DEVICE,
ELECTRON SOURCE USING
THE SAME, AND IMAGE
FORMING APPARATUS USING
THE SAME

Examiner: T. Vo

Group Art Unit: 2821

May 23, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSIDERATION
OF PREVIOUSLY CITED ART

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance (dated April 22, 2003) from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in this application. The Examiner is sincerely thanked for allowing this application.

To date, Applicants have not yet received confirmation that the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 15, 2001 has been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application. A copy of that Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are attached hereto, as is a copy of the return receipt postcard bearing the official stamp of receipt of the USPTO to

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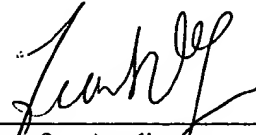
evidence the filing of those papers on October 15, 2001. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the cited art, namely U.S. Patent 6,259,422, also is enclosed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider that art and issue an initialed version of the Form PTO-1449 as confirmation thereof.

Also, attached to the Office Action dated January 3, 2003 was an initialed copy of another Form PTO-1449 (copy enclosed) confirming that the Examiner has considered and made of record the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the USPTO on September 9, 2002. Applicants note however that this Form PTO-1449 incorrectly identified one of the submitted documents listed under the section entitled "Foreign Patent Documents", as "2001-014822" rather than "2001-148222", as a result of an inadvertent error. Since the Examiner initialed the original Form PTO-1449 adjacent to the listing of "2001-014822", and a copy of document 2001-148222 was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 9, 2002,¹ it is presumed that the document 2001-148222 actually has been considered by the Examiner in this application. Nonetheless, in order to clarify the record, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial and return the attached revised Form PTO-1449 which identifies the document 2001-148222 correctly, to confirm that the document has been considered. For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed are a copy of the document and a correct English Abstract thereof.

^{1/} It is noted that the incorrect English Abstract was submitted with the document 2001-148222 on September 9, 2002, as a result of an inadvertent error. The submitted Abstract was for document 2000-014822, instead of for document 2001-148222.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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